

BLGC MGA 9-Holer Report for October 19, 2017

Beautiful October weather greeted eight of those World Famous 9-Holers who were out first for hot coffee and then for a round of ECLECTIC golf.

We had four putting competitors today: James Longoria (the 2017 9-Holer Putting Champion), Ken Mayne, Don Webb and C.L. Newsome (scorekeeper with card in hand).

Oh, that reminds me that we have received the images from the Google balloons as they flew over Blue Lake going to Puerto Rico. Google used a plasma laser imaging system on a Google Pixel 2 XL cell phone to record the images of the strange markings on our greens. Then we used a three-way dialogue between Google Assistant, Siri and Alexa to interpret the markings. Once the argument was over, the consensus was that the

markings are from a very ancient dialect which could possibly be interpreted as: **9-HOLERS RULE.**

So the Herd takes great pride knowing that E.T. and his alien friends are 9-Holers and recently visited good old Blue Lake. Come to think of it some of the Herd look a little like E.T. – wrinkled skin, smell and all!

Now back to golf. We had four Golfing Competitors: Bob Westbrook, John Moran, Greg Kepner and me.

Since there were so few of those pesky 18-holers, I kept the Herd strong at eight and so we played as a Herd.

From the #1 tee the four golfers did some excellent tree trimming on the tree left of the fairway.

As the Herd approached the #1 green, the sounds of competitive talk could be heard from the Putters. Don, Ken and C.L. are all out to bring down James, the Putting Champion. It was 3 against 1 through all nine holes.

James was very consistent with mostly two putts while the others were mostly consistent at being inconsistent.

The golfers were playing in the fairway – more or less- with a few forays into the roughs. Bob practiced his

“rage yoga” from time to time which is always entertaining. Greg was having a good day except that the

fairways were always to the right of where his ball went. We have asked Jeremy Zabierek, our new Course

Manager, to see if he can move the fairways more left, make bigger holes on the greens, and remove trees that

can be hit by a golf ball. These improvements would help speed up the 9-Holers and maybe get our scores

lower.

The Putting Competition became fierce and rather raucous. At the #4 green I had to issue “Yellow Cards” to

Ken and C.L. for putting out of turn which is a C.A.O.G. violation (Confusing An Old Golfer). Then at the #7

green I had to issue Ken another “Yellow Card” for a C.A.O.G. since he putted before Don. When Ken

informed me that Don was delaying play, I had to issue Don a “Yellow Card” for a D.O.G. violation (Delay Of

Game). Since I was running short on “Yellow Cards” I informed the Herd that I had plenty of “Red Cards” and

that calmed the putters down.

With all eight 9-Holers back in the pro-shop, the scorecard was tossed into the Quantum 9-Holer Computer card

shredder and Bruno, the VI (Voice Interface) began to complain about not being included in the conversation

with Google Assistant, Siri and Alexa. I gave Bruno Siri’s number and he started the quantum entanglement

calculations for today’s game. And faster than I can hand out a “Yellow Card”, the results were ready and

displayed in a 4K hologram so all could see.

Putting Competition:

1st Place for \$4: James Longoria, 20 putts;

2nd Place for \$2: Don Webb, 23 putts and a “Yellow Card”;

3rd Place for \$1: Ken Mayne, 26 putts and two “Yellow Cards”;

4th Place for \$1: C.L. Newsome, 27 putts and a “Yellow Card”.

Golfing Competition:

1st Place for \$4: Paul Castiglione, net 31 ½;

2nd Place for \$2: John Moran, net 34;

3rd Place for \$1: Greg Kepner, net 36;

4th Place for \$1: Bob Westbrook, net 36 ½.

That’s it for another great day of 9-Holer golf at good old Blue Lake!

Paul Castiglione

9-Holer Herder and part-time referee